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# Spotlight on Congress

## Self-Defeating

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Philip Agee is a former CIA agent. For the past few years Agee has devoted his life to betraying former co-workers in American intelligence by revealing their identities.

Treason is not new. What is new is the perverse way in which Agee practices it. He does so with the assistance and full knowledge of the United States government—legally.

Under the new Freedom of Information Act of 1974, Agee is granted access to documents harmful to the CIA and American interests. His queries have cost the American taxpayer four man-years in time and money to gather information to betray his country!

Applying the Freedom of Information Act to the CIA is a preposterous and self-defeating mechanism. I have cosponsored a measure in the Senate which would exempt the CIA from this act. (This exemption would not extend to the Privacy Act which protects citizens from domestic intelligence.)

This bill, the Intelligence Reform Act, would also establish strict



*Former CIA agent Agee (above) is practicing treason, according to Sen. Wallop, in a perverse manner.*

penalties for revealing the names of employees of any American intelligence agency. As it now stands, those who work for American intelligence risk much while those who work against American intelligence risk nothing.